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#### NEWS ANALYSIS

## Crusade, SBC Statement Emphasized In States

By Jim Newton  
For the Baptist Press

It was the year of both the Crusade of the Americas and the "Statement Concerning the Crisis in the Nation" at the majority of the 29 Baptist state conventions during a 30-day period in October and November when the annual sessions met.

Concern for both evangelism through the Crusade of the Americas, and for social action through dealing with the "Crisis in the Nation" were the two major chords blending into solid harmony during most of the state conventions.

The actions of the state conventions raise a key question: Have Southern Baptists turned the corner on the division and debate so obvious this year between advocates of evangelism and social action, with a ground-swell of support on the state level for

"both - and" instead of "either - or?"

The answer probably will differ depending on which Baptist is talking, but we probably have turned a corner.

More than a dozen different conventions passed resolutions or held special emphases on the Crusade of the Americas this year, according to reports filled by correspondents in each state for Baptist Press, news service of the denomination.

At least eight conventions

adopted as their own concern the "Statement Concerning the Crisis in the Nation" approved last June by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston.

The statement among other things declared commitment to obtain equal human and legal rights for all people, refusal to be a part of racism, and acceptance of every Christian regardless of race as a brother welcome in church fellowship.

According to the Baptist Press reports, some special action or emphasis on the Crusade of the Americas was held in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, South Carolina, Alabama, Colorado, California, Mississippi, Arizona, Tennessee, and Hawaii. Probably other states in some way emphasized the hemisphere-wide crusade, but the reports did not indicate it.

The crisis statement was adopted in Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Virginia, Hawaii, California, and Utah - Idaho. There was no organized effort to get the state conventions to adopt the SBC - drafted and approved statement.

Tennessee Baptists did not adopt the crisis statement, referring it back to its Executive Board for re-wording to make the statement apply to Tennessee Baptists instead of Southern Baptists.

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## DAVID FITE, JR. IS RETURNING TO U.S.

MACON, Ga. (BP)—The father of a Southern Baptist missionary imprisoned in Cuba on illegal currency charges told the Georgia Baptist Convention here that the 12-year-old son of Missionary David Fite is returning to the United States.

Clifton E. Fite, pastor of Rosemont Heights Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Ga., made the announcement, and added that his imprisoned son David has been allowed to write his first letter during his four years in prison.

"As of this morning (Nov. 13), our oldest grandson is on the way out of Cuba, to Mexico, and then to Decatur (Ga.) to live with his uncle, Dr. Donald Fite," said Clifton Fite.

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## Students Have High Hours

### SUIT FILED TO STOP SALE OF SBC ORGANIZATION SITE

AUGUSTA, Ga. (BP)—Sixteen members of the First Baptist Church here have filed a suit seeking to stop sale of the site where the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

The first Baptist Church of Augusta voted in May to sell its present building and property and to move to a new site several miles away. The present edifice is not the building in which the convention was organized, but it rests over the place where the old church sanctuary stood.

Superior Court Judge William F. Flemming of Richmond County has set a hearing for Dec. 9, on the suit challenging the sale of the property. He issued a temporary injunction forbidding sale of the building until the case is resolved.

When the church announced its plans to move last May, Pastor R. J. Robinson stated that appropriate historical markers will be placed at the site designating it as the place where the Southern Baptist Convention was organized.

Dr. Wm. Hendricks, of Fort Worth, Texas, told the State Baptist Student Convention in Laurel Saturday of last week that "Truth is more than technical accuracy or rules to be obeyed or customs to be observed. It is a relationship to enter."

Dr. Hendricks, professor of Theology at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, speaking on the subject of "Noble — To Side With Truth — in Time of War?" continuing, said:

"Traditionally, a just war has been one in which a constituted government by virtue of oppression has called for help because of humanitarian reasons.

"It is difficult with the involvements of today's political and social structures to determine what could be called a just war.

"Part of our dilemma is raised by our competing centers of loyalty. It is difficult for people to acknowledge their country ever errs.

"It should be possible in the twentieth century to enjoy creation rather than to participate in its destruction. It is because of man's greed and selfishness that this is not possible.

"In the modern age a nation must be prepared lest it be unguarded and military might stands in one sense as a deterrent.

"But in the last analysis, having reached the nuclear state military preparation has become more futile than in previous ages."

Hundreds of Baptist college students from more than 30 schools and colleges in the state were present for the opening Friday night Registration totaled approximately 900.

Theme of the convention

was "To Every Man and Nation."

Miss Nancy Holland of Columbus, a student at the "W", was in the chair when the meeting convened Friday evening.

Dr. Claude Rhea, of Richmond, Va., music consultant of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board was in charge of music.

Welcome to the church was given by Rev. M. Guy Reedy, pastor with welcome to Jones County by Rev. Roy Myers, pastor of Glade Baptist Church.

"Tell It Like It Is" was presented by Rev. Bradley Pope, Baptist student director at Mississippi College and Mississippi College students.

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## Fall Enrollments Up At Baptist Colleges

NASHVILLE (BP) — Fall enrollments at 53 Southern Baptist senior and junior colleges throughout the nation rose to a record 66,593, a statistical tabulation of enrollments compiled by the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission disclosed here.

Enrollments of regular, full-time students increased 1,945 over the 1967 fall enrollment figure of 64,648.

In addition to the enrollments of 53 Baptist junior and senior colleges, the Education Commission also reported enrollment figures at four Baptist Bible schools and at seven Baptist academies.

Enrollments at the seven academies was 2,490, down by 11 from the 1967 figures; and was 605 at the four Bible schools, up 24 from 1967 enrollments.

Grand total enrollments for the 53 Baptist colleges, seven academies and four Bible schools (64 institutions) was 69,688, an increase of 1,958 over the 1967 fall enrollments.

Of the 53 junior and senior colleges, 34 colleges and universities reported enrollment increases over the fall, 1967, figures; while 19 of the schools reported enrollment decreases.

Of the 34 with increased enrollments, 26 were senior colleges and eight were junior colleges. Decreased enrollments were reported by 13 senior colleges and six junior colleges.

The largest increase in enrollment was reported by Baptist College at Charleston (S.C.) where the number of students jumped from 937 to 1,349, an increase of 412.

Biggest of all the Baptist schools is again Baylor University, Waco, Tex., with 7,748 full-time students enrolled, an

## Clifton J. Allen Retires

NASHVILLE (BP)—The retirement of Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, effective Dec. 31, 1968, has been announced by the board's executive secretary - treasurer, James L. Sullivan.

"Although Allen does not reach mandatory retirement age for several months, it is at his own request that he is retiring from the multiple duties of editorial secretary in order to devote his full time to the 'Broadman Bible Commentary,'" said Sullivan.

"He will continue by request the work as general editor of this twelve-volume commentary on a contractual basis."

Allen became associate editorial secretary of the board in 1937, and has been editorial secretary since 1945. He is a member of the Committee on

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## Alumni Chapel At Southern Is Damaged By Fire

LOUISVILLE (BP)—A five-alarm fire here heavily damaged the rear portion of Alumni Memorial Chapel on the campus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Flames gutted a choir robing room on the second floor, destroying approximately 100 robes and cracking plaster and windows in adjoining

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Rev. Bradley Pope, student director at Mississippi College, behind pulpit, leads group of students from the college in a brief drama, "Tell It Like It Is."



Convention music directors go over a number prior to opening Friday evening. From left: Susie Cook, Mississippi State, pianist; Jimmy Durham, Carey, organist and Dr. Claude Rhea, Richmond, music director.



Rev. M. G. Reedy, host pastor, greets several students and leaders at annual State Baptist Student Convention last week in Laurel. From left: Nathan Porter, Atlanta, speaker; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, state director of student work; Miss Linda Weathersby, Itawamba Junior College; Miss Nancy Holland, MSCW, president and Mr. Reedy.



# Crusade, SBC Statement Emphasized In States

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Although it did not adopt the crisis statement, the spirit that prevailed at the Alabama convention in a related action seemed especially significant.

After an Alabama pastor presented a statement highly critical of Southern Baptist trends toward "social and political involvements which deteriorate our strength" and away from "Evangelism and Missions," the convention referred the statement to the resolutions committee.

The committee's report reversed the critical tone of the original statement and called instead of "proper balance" between evangelism and missions, and social and political issues.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by the Alabama convention. Said the finally-approved resolution: "There are differences of opinion about the issues and the problems of our times and the Christian approach to these problems. But we believe that Baptists in Alabama, as in other areas of our convention, are making a sincere effort to make the gospel of Christ relevant."

In Texas, biggest of the 29 state conventions, the report of their Christian Life Commission included a statement on evangelism and ethics, which commended both the Crusade of the Americas and the "Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation." Said the report: "In reality,

these challenges are one. Personal redemption and Christian social action belong together."

In a nutshell, this was the spirit that seemed to characterize the majority of the 1968 conventions.

Evangelism and concern for social issues were not the only items of concern for the state conventions.

Four states expressed concern about the war in Vietnam and peace. Six conventions dealt with various aspects of the old problem of federal aid to Baptist institutions.

Eight conventions adopted resolutions or took actions relating to improved race relations. Seven states dealt with internal convention structure or reorganization studies. Five sent congratulations or assurances of prayer to President-elect Richard Nixon.

**Debate in Arkansas**  
A big debate over doctrinal issues cropped up in Arkansas where four churches were ejected from the convention for practices of "alien immersion" and "open communion." In Kentucky, the major issue was dancing at a Baptist college.

The most frequent state convention issue — federal aid — cropped up this year in Missouri, North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky, and Virginia.

Missouri adopted a four-point policy which forbids federal grants and allows loans at the lowest interest rate available provided the institution's board of trustees feels there is no tax subsidy involved.

When a detailed study of the Christian Education program of the Georgia convention was presented, an amendment was promptly passed forbidding Baptist schools for receiving "tax funds," without identifying just what constitutes a tax subsidy.

Texas Baptists voted to sever ties with Baylor University College of Medicine to allow it to become a private institution with academic ties to Baylor University. It allows Baylor Med to receive federal funds and state per-student aid that would enable the school to double its enrollment, although the federal aid questions did not seem to be the key factor.

Virginia Baptists referred back to a special committee of 24 a recommendation that financial support gradually be phased out for five Baptist schools. Although federal aid was not in question, the report will get more study and a recommendation next year.

The report of Virginia's religious liberty committee was partly accepted, partly referred back for more study, but the written statement which said "it seems essential to survival that government assistance be accepted" was received, but not as policy.

In Virginia, perhaps the strongest statement on race relations of any of the states was adopted. In addition to the "Crisis" statement, Virginia Baptists approved a statement by its Christian Life Committee which utterly condemned racism as un-Christian.

Strongly supporting open housing laws, the statement chided "white Americans, many of whom are Christians, (who) have practiced white racism to the extreme that they have created, maintained, and condoned conditions... destructive to their (Negroes') rights as human beings."

Michigan Baptists urged all Baptist churches to open their doors to all races, and Texas Baptists urged segregated churches to end "the unbiblical practice of making race a factor in church membership."

Four conventions — Michigan, California, District of Columbia and Hawaii — adopted resolutions pledging prayer for an end to the war in Vietnam. The D. O. resolution was even more "dovish," deploring "the destruction of men, society, and property" in Vietnam, and urging ratification of the non-proliferation treaty on nuclear weapons.

The issue of aid to conscientious objectors cropped up in North Carolina when a seminary student requested a resolution reaffirming the

right of objection and asking for information and counseling for objectors. The motion was referred to the newly-created Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs, after lengthy debate.

Two of the state conventions dealt with the issue of baptism in different ways, contradicting each other in some respects.

Arkansas Baptists withdrew fellowship from four churches in the state for their practices on both "alien immersion" (accepting as church members candidates who have been baptized by immersion by a church of another denomination) and "open communion" (allowing other than Baptists to partake of the Lord's Supper).

In New Mexico, however, a committee appointed last year to study the question of a policy on seating messengers from churches that practice alien immersion recommended that the present bylaws, which state that a church must be a member of a Baptist association, are adequate and should not be changed. This means that the "alien immersion" battle would be fought on the associational level in New Mexico instead of on the state level.

**Clarification Asked**  
The issue cropped up in an oblique way in Texas, when a messenger called for clarification of the convention's constitution concerning what is meant by a "regular, missionary church." The convention's credentials committee was assigned to study the matter and bring a report next year.

This definition was the crucial point in the debate in Arkansas, where it was argued that on the basis of past convention resolutions, a church which practices "alien immersion" is not a "regular" Baptist church.

The issue of dancing at a Baptist college dominated the sessions of the Kentucky convention, where on two occasions the convention took a slap at trustees of Georgetown College for voting to allow on-campus dancing. The debate was vocal, and the votes were close — 11 votes on one motion and 20 votes on another — in censoring the trustees.

In two states, Georgia and Texas, efforts to establish a committee or procedure for helping pastorless churches and churchless pastors get together were defeated, apparently out of fear that such a program would be too kin to the influence a bishop has in other churches in the appointment of ministers for local churches.

Financial problems facing schools or state convention agencies were faced by four states. In Kansas, the convention asked the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to help rescue the state Baptist Church Loan Association from a "hopeless and insolvent condition."

In Texas, problems with their Church Loan Association were cited. The convention asked its Executive Board to re-study the audits of the association in the light of "certain omissions" which were mentioned but not identified.

During the Georgia convention, Norman Junior College in Norman Park, Ga., was granted permission for a fund drive to help meet a \$250,000 deficit, and it was reported in South Carolina that North Greenville Baptist College was in danger of losing its accreditation because of financial difficulties.

Other issues which confronted the state conventions included such things as traffic safety and drinking, traditional resolutions reaffirming support of separation of church and state, law and order, liquor by the drink legislation, use of narcotics and hallucinatory drugs, alienation of youth, relations with other church groups, obscenity, mental illness, juvenile delinquency, and support of Baptist schools.

But the big, over-riding issue that seemed to thread its way through the majority of the conventions was the relationship between evangelism and social issues. If Southern Baptists have truly turned the corner on this debate, it may be the last year it is an issue in the state conventions.



## TO RETIRE

**RETIREMENT OF EDITORIAL SECRETARY:** The retirement of Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, effective Dec. 31, 1968, has been announced by the board's executive secretary — treasurer, James L. Sullivan.—BP Photo

Clifton J. Allen —

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the Uniform Series, International Sunday School Lessons, and has prepared a treatment of the lessons for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission which is broadcast weekly by about 100 radio stations.

He has been recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention since his first election to the post in 1965. He is chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Bible Study and Membership Training.

Allen has written "Points for Emphasis" annually since 1953, and is the author of "The Gospel According to Paul."

Sullivan stated that he will present a nomination for a successor as editorial secretary at the elected Sunday School Board's annual meeting in Nashville, Jan. 28, 1969.

"Southern Baptists owe Dr. Allen an expression of deep gratitude for the innumerable ways in which he has made significant contribution to the advancement of Bible study and church member training through the years," Sullivan said.

"His guidance of the editorial ministry of the Sunday School Board has been perceptive and effective. I have great personal appreciation for his ministry, and for his willingness to serve now in a specialized way as Broadman Press prepares for distribution of its most monumental work," he concluded.

## David Fite —

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and is not able to see, only able to write.

David Fite remains in prison. He father said that his first letter while in prison arrived only 10 days before the convention, and that it "was an encouraging letter."

Mrs. David Fite, the former Margaret Caudill, remains in Cuba with her other two sons, John, age nine, and Mark, age four. Mark was born just one month before his father was arrested.

Dr. Donald Fite, the Decatur ophthalmologist with whom the 12-year-old David Fite Jr. will live, is a twin brother to the imprisoned missionary.

Clifton Fite told the convention that there are "many encouraging signs that all this is fitting into the plan of God and that our son will soon be released."

"We wish to say from the depths of our heart," Fite added, "that no one could be more Christian than the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board have been in our time of need. We deeply appreciate your prayers, and pray they will continue."

## Spanish Church Adds 17 Members

Thirteen persons made professions of faith during an October revival in English-language Immanuel Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain. Four others joined the church by letter. "Attendance was excellent," said Pastor James M. Watson, Southern Baptist missionary who did the preaching.

Rev. James W. Buie, missionary, also of Madrid, formerly of Jackson, Miss., assisted by presenting chalk illustrations.

## ONLY SUCH SCHOOL IN STATE

# 12 INHALATION THERAPISTS FINISH AT BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Twelve new inhalation therapy technicians — much in demand these days — lost no time going to work following their recent graduation from the School of Inhalation Therapy at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson, the only such school in the state.

Some went to work the day after their graduation on a Friday, while others took the week-end off and launched their careers the following Monday, according to Bob Wall, chief instructor for the school, and W. A. Milliken, technical director of the Inhalation Therapy Unit at Baptist Hospital.

They said most of the approximately 50 technicians who have graduated from the school since it was established in 1961 are currently working in hospitals and other medical facilities in Mississippi, as well as in Louisiana, Texas and Florida.

Four of the twelve graduates remained at Baptist

Hospital including Donna Turner, Mrs. Shelby Harrison, and Norman E. Hebert, all of Jackson, and Brenda Calhoun of Columbia, while a fifth graduate is now working just across the street from the hospital — at the Southern Pulmonary Center, an outpatient clinic.

Two other graduates also working in Jackson are Bob Burst of Jackson, now at the new Matheny of Meridian is al Center, and Truette Haire of Meadville, who went to Doctors Hospital in Jackson.

Two of the graduates have launched their careers in their respective home towns. Sidney Matheny of Meridian is now on duty at the Jeff Anderson Memorial Hospital in Meridian. Tommy Bethay of Tupelo is at work at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo.

Hal White of Hazlehurst is now with the Lafayette County Hospital at Oxford.

Terribone General Hospital

in Houma, Louisiana got two of the graduates — Dale Hutto of Meadville and Terry Lirette of Chauvin, Louisiana.

The School of Inhalation Therapy at Baptist Hospital is affiliated with Hinds Junior College in Raymond, where first-year courses are taken. The second year includes two summer sessions — a total of 14 months — in the School of Inhalation Therapy at Baptist Hospital.

The program is designed to prepare technicians to work under the supervision of a physician responsible for inhalation therapy departments in health service agencies.

Graduates are eligible for examination to become registered as an inhalation therapy technician by the American Registry for Inhalation Therapy, which is jointly sponsored by the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, and the American Association for Inhalation Therapy.

# Communications Seminar To Feature "How To Get Better Newspaper Coverage"

**NASHVILLE —** Pastors and church staff members from across the Southern Baptist Convention will gather at the Sunday School Board for a seminar, "Communicating Your Church's Message to Today's World," January 27-31.

Featured speaker, Bob Bell, pictured, church editor of "The Nashville Banner," will conduct a session on "How to Get Better Newspaper Coverage for Your Church Events." Bell will answer some of the questions pastors and church staff members have about relation-



ships to newspapers, what makes church news newsworthy, and how to submit news to the newspaper.

The seminar, to be held at the Church Program Training Center of the board, will also feature Claud O'Shields, eastern field representative for the Radio and Television Commission, SBC, who will discuss "Should a Church Consider a TV Ministry?"

W. C. Fields, public relations secretary for the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will open the seminar with a presentation, "Looking Ahead to the Future of Communication."

Other sessions will include "How to Plan and Conduct a Direct Mail Campaign for Your Church," "How to Say

More with Fewer Words in Your Church Publications," "Developing a Communication Plan for Downtown, Suburban, and Small Churches," "Making Your Church Bulletin an Effective Communication Tool," and "How to Get Through to People."

A registration fee of \$20 for each person should be sent to the Church Program Training Center Desk, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tennessee, 37203.

Gratitude is the vibration of the soul's harp strings under the soft touch of God's benevolence.

The worst moment for an atheist is when he feels grateful and has no one to thank.—Samuel McCrea Cavert

## Alumni Chapel —

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rooms. Severe smoke and soot damage was evident throughout the 1,600-seat chapel and its classroom wing.

The fire was contained in an area adjacent to a chamber holding pipes for the seminary's Aeolian-Skinner organ, the largest of its kind in the South and Midwest. It was not immediately known whether the intense heat and smoke had damaged the 113-rank instrument.

A student practicing at the organ console first noticed the fire and summoned help. She also reported having heard someone in the rear section of the chapel near the scene of the blaze. Authorities are investigating the possibility of arson or vandalism in connection with the incident.

The chapel has been closed for an indefinite period, and daily chapel services have been moved to a 250-seat auditorium elsewhere on the campus. No damage costs have been estimated, but officials indicate that an almost complete renovation may be necessary.



## Making Plans To Raise \$15,000

**APPOINTED BY NANCY CHAMBERLAIN, President of the Student Government Association of Blue Mountain College, these Special Committee members, all officers of the S.G.A., are making plans for the raising of \$15,000, the student goal set toward the erection of a Student Union Building. Left to right: Ginger Herrington, Rayville, La.; Sandra Murphy, Eupora, Chairman; Kathy McKinney, Miami, Fla., Treasurer; Linda Simmons, Grenada, Publicity Chairman; and, not pictured, Sandra Starnes, Rome, Italy. Other funds for Student Union Building will come from additional sources.**



## Hong Kong College President In U. S.

**DR. LAM CHI FUNG** (left), prominent Baptist layman of Hong Kong and president of Hong Kong Baptist College, talks with Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, and Dr. L. Howard Jenkins, president emeritus of the Board. Dr. Lam is in the States for eye surgery and reunion with members of his family, and friends. He is recovering nicely from the surgery. Hong Kong Baptist College, which is near self-support, has a current enrollment of 2,300. One of its most needed facilities is an auditorium to seat 1,200.

## RA MAGAZINE TO INCLUDE 'CAMP' INSERT

Royal Ambassador leaders in churches and associations will get extra help in 1969 in planning camping experiences for boys.

The help is contained in a special 8-page camping insert which will appear in the April-June issue of Ambassador Leader.

Ambassador Leader is the magazine for men who teach missions to boys. It's published by the Brotherhood Commission.

The 1969 guide to interesting missions experiences through camping is the second such aid provided leaders of boys.

The insert is free to all persons who subscribe to Ambassador Leader. A limited number of the inserts can be purchased from the Brotherhood Commission for 25 cents per copy after February 15.

# Asia Congress Closes

**SINGAPORE, November 18, 1968 —** The Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism closed here today with the 1,100 participants adopting a recommendation for establishing a Coordination Office for Evangelism in Asia and holding a Christian Witness Rally in Singapore's National Theater.

Within a few hours after the final prayer at the public service, the participants and observers begin journeys that will take them to their homes in 25 countries throughout Asia.

They came here nine days ago to attend this first regional Congress, directing its emphasis specifically on evangelism in Asia. Today they return to launch what some describe as "an old message of Jesus Christ with new and urgent emphasis."

The Executive Committee made up of 10 members from as many Asian countries took action here this morning to propose the permanent organization set up to "serve as a liaison" for evangelistic efforts in Asia. The participants to the Congress gave complete approval for the volunteer cooperative effort.

United Church of Christ Bishop Onofre G. Fonceca of Quezon City, Philippines, and who served as secretary of the Executive Committee, read the proposal by the committee.

The action, read by Rt. Rev. Fonceca, was:

... That the national groups have decided to set up a clearing office to serve as a liaison to coordinate the exchange of evangelistic news, teams, and other related matters coming from, or going to, said national groups; that this is agreed in principle; and that the implementation be left to the officers of the Executive Committee (of the Asia-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism). ... That the name of the office shall be Coordination Office for Evangelism."

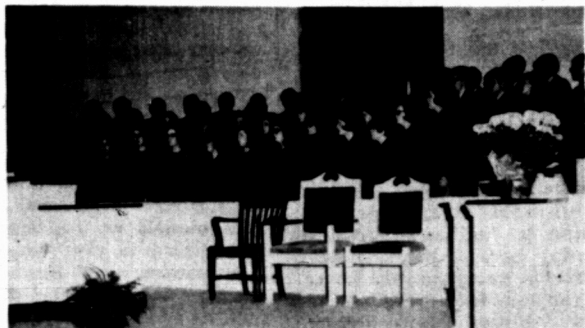
Also, the participants in reading together a statement from the Executive Committee, gave their individual support to it. The statement carried the same title as the theme for the Congress "Christ Seeks Asia."

Because we deserve none of God's blessings, we ought to be more thankful for them.—Nelle Segree





The spacious auditorium of the host Highland Church was well filled at the opening session of the convention Friday evening.



The Carey College Chorale, under direction of Dr. Donald Winters, renders special music at one session.



Three student directors have few moments of fellowship behind pulpit of church. From left: Bill Stroup, Jones Junior College; Miss Gladys Bryant, East Central Junior College, and Rev. J. B. Costlow, Clarke College.



Three students from Pearl River Junior College were among the early ones to register. From left: Charlotte Graham, Wendell Ladner and Adrian Wood.



Rev. Roy Myers, Laurel, president of Jones County pastors' conference, has brief conference, with Miss Nell Magee, Nashville, speaker, (center) and student, Ann Downing, of Jones County Junior College.

## Round-Up of State Conventions

### Kentucky Disapprove

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The substitute, however, did not satisfy the critics of Georgetown College. The next day, after exhausting the time of two miscellaneous business sessions, the convention extended the time to hear additional motions on the dancing issue and for discussion.

After nearly two hours of debate, the convention approved a motion expressing "vigorous opposition" to what the Georgetown trustees had done, that the trustees be respectfully requested to reconsider the dancing vote, and that the trustees' decision concerning this request be published in the Western Recorder, official state Baptist paper.

The motion passed by a 20 vote margin, 184 to 164.

During the same session, a substitute motion by Franklin Owen, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington, Ky., which re-affirmed faith in the Georgetown trustees was defeated by a vote of 174-152. Owen is a trustee for the college.

The dancing issue completely overshadowed all other actions by the Kentucky convention, which also approved a record \$4.15 million budget after debate on the need for more funds to meet human need, adopted a resolution forbidding use of Cooperative Program budget funds to repay government loans, and elected a rural pastor as president.

The 1969 budget allocates 69 per cent to the state convention, \$2,859,350, and 31 per cent to Southern Baptist world mission causes, or \$1,290,650.

### Indiana Declines College Tie-In

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP) — The Executive Board of the State Convention declined an invitation to establish a coop-

erative relationship with Campbellsville College in Campbellsville, Ky.

The Baptist school's trustees and president, J. K. Powell, had extended an invitation for the Indiana convention "to become affiliated with Campbellsville College through a cooperative relationship as your institute of higher learning until a time when Indiana has its own (Baptist) college."

The board, however, "respectfully" declined the invitation. Most of the discussion dealt with the implications of endorsing one Baptist college and not all Baptist colleges.

During the week prior to the board meeting, the state convention had asked for a re-study of long-range guidelines, one of which would have delayed consideration of an Indiana Baptist college for at least 20 years.

### Northern Plains Holds First Meet

WARLAND, Wyo. (BP) — Meeting for its first annual convention, the Northern Plains Baptist Convention reported increases in nearly every area of the convention's work during the past year.

Among the 76 churches in the convention, membership increased by 767 to a total of 11,196 in 1968. Total baptisms were 904, an increase of 291. John Baker, executive secretary of the new convention, said the increase is significant because 1,813 members were removed from the rolls during the year. "They do move up here," he explained.

Baker said there was a spirit of "thanksgiving to God for our first year's progress" during the convention. "In almost every area of our work we've had significant gains," he said.

Baker commended the great percentage of laymen and women who attended, saying that out of the 207 registered messengers and guests, probably 140 were laymen and women. "I do not know when-

I've seen a convention when there was such a high percentage of lay people."

In major business, the convention adopted a \$222,233 budget for 1969 which includes a state-wide Cooperative Program goal of \$88,173. The budget provides \$10,580, 12 percent, to Southern Baptist world missions causes.

Elected president of the convention was E. J. Speegle, pastor of College Heights Baptist Church, Casper, Wyo.

### Texas Okays School Severance

By Bob O'Brien and John Carter

FORT WORTH (BP) — Texas Baptists have severed official ties with Baylor University College of Medicine, Houston, so that the institution might, as a son come of age, make its own way in the world and compete successfully with its peers.

The proposal met little opposition as it threatened through Baptist General Convention of Texas administrative machinery. It was generally considered as the only solution for the school, which gets only one per cent of its more than \$21 million budget from the Texas convention and is under strong pressure from the state of Texas to double its enrollment.

Pre-convention publicity and "grass-roots" preview sessions across the Lone Star State paved the way for unanimous passage of the record \$13.5 million 1969 budget without question or debate.

### Oklahoma Has Close Election

TULSA, Okla. (BP) — In a close presidential election, the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma elected a Tulsa pastor, D. A. Williams Jr., as head of the convention by a 14-vote margin.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the 1968 Southern Baptist Convention "Statement on the Crisis in Our Nation." The convention also asked all Christians to "pray earnestly for our president and president-elect for guidance and wisdom in these crisis times."

A resolution declaring opposition to legislation permitting liquor by the drink was approved, along with a commendation for state-wide alcohol and narcotics education organization.

The convention approved a Cooperative Program budget goal of \$3.6 million for 1969 which represents an increase of \$100,000 of the 1968 figure. The convention's basic operating budget will be \$3,247,804 to be divided 57 per cent state and 43 per cent Southern Baptist Convention.

Pre-convention publicity and "grass-roots" preview sessions across the Lone Star State paved the way for unanimous passage of the record \$13.5 million 1969 budget without question or debate.

### Virginia Baptists Delay Phase-Out

HAMPTON, Va. (BP) —

After more than six hours of debate and discussion, the Baptist General Association of Virginia referred back to its special committee of 24 a recommendation that financial support be phased out by 1975 for five Baptist schools, but adopted the remainder of the committee's sweeping report.

The annual "convention" of the General Association also adopted as its own the "Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation" approved by the Southern Baptist Convention last June, and an even stronger statement on "racism" from its Christian Life Committee.

The committee urged Baptists in Virginia to support open housing laws and strongly opposed racism as unbiblical and unchristian. The action on the report of the committee of 24 was strongly debated during an all day session. Although the report was finally adopted as a whole, with the exception of one item regarding educational institutions, several aspects were contested.

The phase-out of financial support for Averett College, Virginia Intermont College, Fork Union Military Academy, Hargrave Military Academy, and Oak Hill Academy was referred back to the committee after opposition spearheaded by Col. Joseph Cosby, president of Hargrave Military Academy.

Debate also centered around the report of the religious liberty committee, which presented a four-page printed report with six recommendations.

Three of the recommendations asking the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia (state legislature) to amend the state constitution to allow private colleges to issue low-interest, tax-exempt bonds and participation in federal programs, were referred back to the committee for another year.

Three recommendations were adopted, reaffirming support of the principle of religious liberty, opposing violations of the rights of citizens safeguarding religious freedoms, and expressing confidence in the First Amendment of the Constitution to guarantee religious freedom.

"For too long," the report said, "Baptists have over-reacted to federal assistance. Let us not think of our national government as our enemy, but rather let us offer to our legislature some suggestions or safeguards that should be written into any legislation providing federal monies to private schools."

Then followed seven guidelines or safeguards offered to government officials for such aid. Included were such things as no aid for elementary private schools, no property at public expense going to religious institutions, no teaching of religion or sectarian doctrine with either direct or indirect aid, and no discrimination of race, religion, class, or national origin.

## Students Meet in Laurel

### Students Have

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Saturday's four sessions will include inspirational addresses, dialogue sessions, special music, a business period, reports on the 1968 summer program, and an offering for the 1969 summer program.

The financial goal for the 1969 summer missions program is \$11,111.11.

This money is contributed by the students "over-and-above" their regular church offerings and no church is solicited for a gift, according to Mr. Winders, who added that each campus sets its own goal toward the total.

The 1969 program will send student missionaries to East Pakistan, Ghana, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Trinidad, Vietnam, Washington, D. C., Oregon - Washington, Utah, Idaho, Arizona, Michigan and Alaska.

Dr. Wm. Lancaster, pastor of First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., told the students Friday night:

"William Golding's novel, 'Lord of the Flies,' describes the way society receives a

### HOW TO SUCCEED

A grandfather gives this counsel to a grandson for living to a ripe old age. Worry less. Play more. Ride less. Walk more. Frown less. Smile more. Drink less. Breathe more. Eat less. Chew more. Waste less, save more. Preach less, do more. Go less, rest more. — Watchman-Examiner.

man who has seen a vision of truth.

"On the mountain, when men have a vision of truth whether it be the revelation of God or about themselves, there is the necessity of returning to the valley to work."

"Vision is necessary, for where there is no vision the people perish. Adequate, meaningful worship is a necessity for our time."

"Today the demon we face at the bottom of the mountain is not just an epileptic boy but a society trying to be great yet languishing too much from boredom - a play-boy generation crazed with lust knowing much about sex and little about love - a weak people who too easily surrender individually by identifying with the herd or running with the pack."

"God does not want men on the mountain who are not willing to go to the valley. He wants men in the valley with the mountain in their hearts."

Nathan J. Porter, department of evangelism, in the closing message Sunday morning, said:

"Like the older brother in the story of the prodigal son, we have surrounded ourselves with barriers to protect us from the world."

"The world is not too pretty, so we ignore it and make man less than he is."

"God loves the world. Jesus did not only weep over Jerusalem, but he looks over our

great metropolises, our campuses."

"The older brother was not committed to his brother. There is an agony of commitment to Jesus and to the world."

Sunday morning's session began at 8:30 o'clock and the convention adjourned at 10:05 following a message by Nathan J. Porter, of the Department of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

The Convention is sponsored annually by the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director.

### Increasing Number Women Alcoholics

There is an ever-increasing number of women in America who are drinking and rapidly becoming dependent on alcohol, according to Dr. Laurence A. Senseman, Medical Director of Fuller Memorial Sanitarium.

The alcoholic female causes more disruption in family life than does the alcoholic man. There is a higher incidence of attempted suicide in alcoholic women than men. Females with this addiction suffer more self-contempt and self-depreciation than males. This ego devaluation is one factor that makes it more difficult for women alcoholics to recover, says Dr. Senseman.

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### A Mighty Offering For World Missions

Because some women became concerned about world missions, sought to enlist others, and succeeded in doing so, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions has become what is probably the largest annual foreign mission ingathering in the world today. The goal for this year is \$15,500,000.

Never has our world needed the mission message of salvation through Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, more than right now. The vast majority of the people of the world do not know Christ, and still are groping in the darkness of sin and death. Yet, it is only Christ who can meet man's need or solve world problems in this crisis hour.

Southern Baptists through their Foreign Mission Board are seeking to evangelize the lost world outside our own borders, while the Home Mission Board and State Mission boards work with the churches, in seeking to reach America. The foreign board has more than 2300 missionaries under appointment, serving in 69 countries around the earth. Its 1969 budget for this great task is over \$30,000,000, with only about one-half of this being received through the Cooperative Program. This means that the rest must come in special love gifts from Southern Baptists. That is the meaning of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. It is a love gift from Southern Baptists, to the lost people of the world.

Think of the meaning of a gift through this offering, or a gift through the Cooperative Program. It means that we stand beside, and hold up the hands of, preachers, both missionary and native, as they preach in pulpits around the world; we help build

churches, schools, seminaries, hospitals and publishing houses on all continents; we help provide the Bible and other Christian literature for people in 69 nations; we provide training for preachers and teachers to serve in the churches in these lands; we preach by radio and television to people in many language groups; we stand beside doctors and nurses as they minister to the sick and afflicted, and give them the hospital buildings and clinics in which to do their work; we help support more than 2300 fellow Baptists who have answered God's call to give their lives in foreign mission service, and other thousands who have heard God's call out on those missions fields. All of this, and much more, we do as we make a gift to this great mission offering. And we do even more, as we give regularly through our church budget to the Cooperative Program, for that includes not only foreign missions, but the whole Southern Baptist mission program.

Along with the special Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, is the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, sponsored by the WMU, and now participated in not only by the women and young people, but also by many others in the church. Pastors will preach on missions; teachers will teach missions; choirs and congregations will sing about missions; congregations will hear special mission speakers; and great numbers will join in prayer for missions.

It is a great and glorious week, and offering, and every Baptist church, and every individual Baptist, should participate in it. Let us go far beyond the goal this year, so that even the extra mission needs may be met. There can be no better preparation for the Christmas season.

### Where Are The Nine?

Jesus had worked one of his great miracles in healing ten lepers. Only one of them returned to thank him. Jesus asked the question, "Where are the nine?" They, too, had had the miraculous work done in their bodies. They had seen the despised, loathsome disease which had condemned them to a slow, horrible death, suddenly swept away. We are sure that there was joy in their hearts, and that they ran quickly to tell the good news to family and friends, and any who

would listen. But why did they not return to say "Thank you!" to their benefactor? How could there be such ingratitude for the marvelous gift they had received?

Before we condemn these men too much, we need to be sure that we are not guilty of the same sin? Have we always thanked our Lord for the blessings he has given us, or have we even always expressed our gratitude to our human benefactors? Is not this the most common sin? Are not almost all of us, if not all, guilty of ingratitude?

We have so many things for which to be thankful. We have life, and the thrill and joy of living it day by day. Most of us have a measure of health. We have jobs to do, and families and friends to love us and to be loved by us. We have the privilege of living in America, surely the most blessed land in the world. We have freedoms, and opportunities, and blessings, which few other people in the world know. We have the beauties of this wonderful earth which God has made as our abode.

Moreover, God has given us the revelation of himself in the Bible and in Jesus Christ. He has given us the church, and salvation, and all of the rich blessings which accompany salvation. We have strength for daily tasks, courage for life's battles, comfort in sorrow, and relief for pain. God gives us a hope that is everlasting and that cannot fade away. All of these things are ours, and so much, much more. Yet, we often forget to thank God.

What a tragic sin is ingratitude. How grievous to even think of an ungrateful child, or an ungrateful companion. How much worse to find an ungrateful Christian. Too many of us may be like the man who said as the minister sat at his table in his home, "Preacher, we work hard for our food here, so we don't have to thank God for it." But who gave him the health to do a job, and a place to work that he might earn bread for his family? Who gave to the world the very food which is essential for the sustenance of man's body? Do not all things come from the Heavenly Father? How, then, can we be ungrateful to him?

Why should not all of us use this Thanksgiving season as a time to express our thanks to Him, and to others who do so much for us? Something good will be happening in our own hearts if we do that.



Rev. Sam Ashmore

Our offices were just across the street from each other. He was a Methodist and I was a Baptist, but we had a common tie. Both were editors of the papers of our respective denominations, seeking to serve our people and our Lord through the printed page. Because of this bond I counted Sam Ashmore as a friend.

Our papers were printed in the same plant, so we saw one another more often there than anywhere else. Often we stopped to chat, talking about editorials, and advertising, and circulation, and other common problems.

He was devoted to his task. He had come to it from a long ministry as a pastor, and he gave himself to the larger flock, even as he gave himself to his congregations. He had courage and presented the truth as he saw it. He served his denomination and his Lord well.

A year or two ago he laid down his editorial pen. He had earned a rest, and retirement time had come. But that retirement did not last long, for now God has called him home. Our prayer today is that God will bless the family and the denomination he loved as they mourn his passing.

### Spanish Churches Baptize 217

During the 12 months ending September 30, 1968, the 51 churches of the Spanish Baptist Union admitted 217 new members through baptism. About the same number of converts are presently taking a course of instruction which precedes baptism, a conference of Baptist pastors was held.

The pastors' conference met at the Baptist camp in Denia, Alicante province. More than 40 pastors and missionaries were present.

The executive board of the Spanish Baptist Union also held a meeting in Denia. Madrid was chosen as site for the next biennial meeting of Baptists in September, 1969. This will commemorate the first 100 years of Baptist activity in Spain, and will take place in the city where the first Baptist church was organized in the nation. (EBPS)

### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

December 2 — Lorie Smith McElroy, faculty, Clarke College; Ulvie Flitts, Baptist student director, Itawamba Junior College.

December 3 — Mary Holyfield, assistant director, Gilroy School of Nursing; Marvin Elliott, Miss. College faculty.

December 4 — K. C. Guy, Oktibbeha associational Training Union director; Karl McGraw, director of activities, Children's Village.

December 5 — A. A. Ward, Leake County sup. of missions; Mrs. Lenore Hoffman, dietitian, Blue Mountain College.

December 6 — Mrs. Bobbie Crowell, Raul Garcia, James Harrell, Billy Hudgens, Baptist Building employees.

December 7 — Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sellers, faculty, Wm. Carey College; Nell Lee, Baptist Book Store.

December 8 — F. K. Horton, Historical Commission; Perry Claxton, Education Commission.

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Movie Classification is finally here! Can it, or will it be enforced? After almost 40 years of opposition to classification of films for children, the American motion-picture industry has capitulated to a growing community, court, and legislative pressures and instituted its own system of film rating. As of November 1, all American and foreign films will be rated. Under the new system, films acceptable to all age groups will receive a G, or general rating. Those films judged acceptable to "mature audiences" and "mature young people" will receive an M rating. R films bar admission to children under 16 unless they are accompanied "by a parent or adult guardian." And an X classification marks a movie off limits to young people under 16 with or without their parents. Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, said, "... we felt we had to show a concern for children and parents and describe accurately the content of films so parents will know what they are taking their kids to see." (Newsweek, 10-21-68)

People still complain about what they see on TV. The Federal Communications Commission has released the number of complaints received in August. It totaled 1,213. This is a seasonal decrease of 557 from July. "Other comments and inquiries tallied at 3,054, up 728. FCC said many were about fairness. Others included allegations that broadcast of extremist views on racial matters tend to inflame race relations and incite civil disorders or criminal conduct. Others were about violence on the tube, promotion for 'adult' films while the kiddies are watching and allegations that program formats had been changed against the wishes of substantial segments of station audiences." (Variety, 10-9-68)

A report from the Fair Campaign Practices Committee indicates that "dirty politics" apparently is on the decline. The number of candidates signing the code was increased while the number of complaints regarding violations has definitely decreased. During the campaign just ended, 69 percent of the candidates for major offices at the state and national level signed the code of fair campaign practices. As of October 28, only 30 complaints of violation of the code had been filed. This represented fewer complaints than were filed during a comparable period in the political campaigns of 1960, 1964, and 1966. (Washington Post, 10-29-68)



"Unto Thee, O God, Do We Give Thanks"

Psalm 75:1, "Unto thee, O God, do we give Thanks." At this Thanksgiving Season, may all of us stop and think of how God has so abundantly blessed us with eternal values. (Home Board Photo)

## Newest In Books

**HIGHLIGHTS OF MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HISTORY** by Richard Aubrey McEmore (Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, 24 pp., 50 cents)

Dr. R. A. McEmore, former president of Mississippi College and now executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, has selected and compiled these highlights of Mississippi Baptists' interesting and exciting history. He says that the brief outline is suggestive rather than complete, and that its principal purpose is to introduce readers to the subject. Beginning in 1699 and continuing through 1968, the material is conveniently arranged chronologically. All Mississippi Baptists should be interested in their own history, and this small book will make it easy for any one of them to trace the significant developments of his denomination in this state. This is a resource book that no Mississippi preacher or other church leader in the state should be without. Copies are available from the office of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, P. O. Box 51, Clinton, Miss. 39056 at 50 cents each. The author is a competent historian, the author of *The Mississippi Story* which is used as a textbook in public schools, and other books.

**BROADMAN COMMENTS, 1969**, by Hugh R. Peterson and M. Ray McKay and seven others (Broadman, 410 pp., \$3.25)

This commentary is designated as a supplement to Sunday school curriculum periodicals for use by teachers of Uniform Lessons. The volume contains Bible texts for each lesson, a life-centered introduction, a practical, specific, easy-to-use teaching plan, and helps for lesson application. The exposition of Bible material is clearly organized and stimulating. Suggestions for audiovisuals and bibliographies are also included. Contributors include M. Ray McKay,

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A pocket-sized, hardbound Sunday school lesson commentary, containing the Bible text for each lesson, a brief exposition, a summary under the heading, "Truths to Live By," and references to daily Bible readings. This, the 16th edition by the editorial secretary of the Sunday School

Board, SBC, also contains a forecast of lessons for 1969 and a one-page listing of quarter themes in the Uniform cycle for 1964-68. In condensed form, lessons from this commentary are reprinted weekly in the Baptist Record.

**ROZELL'S COMPLETE LESSONS, 1969** by Brooks Ramsey (Zondervan, 320 pp., \$3.25)

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**1969 BIBLICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMENTARY** (Word Books, 422 pp., \$3.95)

## "EXTRAS" TAUGHT TO MISSIONARIES

By Betty Poor

"How to Fly a Plane" and "How to Be a Ham Radio Operator" are not among the scheduled courses for the 95 Southern Baptist missionaries now attending orientation at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

But an informal sharing among them of these and other skills and hobbies is a valuable benefit of the 16-week orientation.

Missionary Jerry L. Robinson, who will be piloting a plane in Brazil, is giving flying lessons every Saturday, weather permitting, to some fellow missionaries. He has his own plane at the Marion, N. C., airport.

Rev. Donald H. Rose, associate director of missionary orientation, teaches a class in amateur ("ham") radio. The group meets 45 minutes each night to practice Morse code. Radio-television specialists, J. O. Terry, Jr., going to the Philippines, and Rev. William T. (Pete) Dunn, to Lebanon, are teaching radio theory to Mr. Rose's aspiring "hams."

A missionary choir, led by Dwain H. Boothe, who will serve as a musician in Thailand, practices three times a week and has engagements almost every Sunday night to present Eugene L. Clarke's cantata, "The Greatest Story Yet Untold."

Rev. Cordell Akin, Jr., soon to be a field evangelist in Tanzania, offers another type of musical instruction. He gives guitar lessons each week to a class of beginners and to an advanced group.

Dr. Muerner S. Harvey, who will teach chemistry in Hong Kong Baptist College, has a class in photography and darkroom procedures for fellow missionaries.

Mrs. Harvey, former teacher of Spanish at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Tex., is teaching conversational Spanish twice a week to missionaries bound for lands where that language is spoken.

Dr. Hugh H. Young, planning to teach French in a college in Japan, instructs three missionaries going to French-speaking countries. They are Rev. and Mrs. Bob A. Teems, the French West Indies, and Miss Wilma Rodgers, the Ivory Coast.

Medical doctor appointees are conducting a first aid course for the entire group. The doctors are Charles G. Norwood, appointee to the Philippines, Chester L. Todd, Tanzania, and Richard H. Hellinger, missionary associate, India.

This extra sharing of training and talents promises to give the new missionaries added tools for doing their work overseas.

## Baptist Seminary Choir Sings Spirituals At Catholic Mass

A Baptist seminary choir sang six Negro spirituals during a Sunday morning mass in a Roman Catholic church in Switzerland.

The 19-voice choir of the Baptist seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, accepted an invitation to furnish music during one of the regular masses at the Catholic church.

H. C. Brown, Jr. is editor-in-chief of this all-new commentary on the International Lesson Series. Sunday school teachers are constantly searching for a fresh and creative point of view in the presentation of the lesson material, and are always in need of a good supply of fresh and usable anecdotes and illustrations. This new commentary has an editorial board of six experienced ministers and teachers, plus a team of fifteen writers. This means that the material in it "comes out of a full reservoir." Each lesson plan includes "The Lesson at a Glance," "The Lesson Introduced," "The Lesson Explained," "The Lesson Discussed," and "The Lesson Concluded."

In a neighboring community called Adliswil. Mrs. Kay Wheeler, choir director, said the performance, to a filled church, was well-received.

The spirituals replaced the usual music heard at intervals during the mass. During the opening procession, the seminary choir sang, "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian." Instead of the normal "Gloria," the Catholic congregation heard, "I'm a-Rollin'."

Substituting for the "Sanctus" came "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen." And the service was closed with "Soon Ah Will Be Done." Two other spirituals, "The Old Ark's a-Moverin'" and "There is a Balm in Gilead," were also presented.

The spirituals were sung in English, while the remainder of the mass was held in German rather than Latin.

The layman music director at the Catholic church invited the Baptist seminary to participate. A school teacher, he had heard the seminary choir perform a few years ago at a teachers' meeting. It was his proposal to use spirituals instead of the normal music of the mass. (EBPS)



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A MISSIONARY PANEL was presented on Wednesday, with the three participants on platform awaiting their time to speak. From left: Dr. George Torney, III, from Home Board; Rev. Ralph Calcutt, missionary to Japan, and Rev. Ralph Davis, to Biafra.



DR. DAVID DUNAVANT of Memphis (center) was one of the speakers at the evening session of the Baptist Men's Conference on November 11. He is pictured with Sidney Parker of Magee, at right, and Dr. Earl Kelly of Jackson, at left.

## Convention Appoints Committees

The Convention Tuesday morning adopted the report of its Committee on Committees, as follows:

**Resolutions** — Dr. Joe Tut-en, Jackson, chairman; Dr. John Traylor, Tupelo; Charles Jackson, Yazoo City; Rev. Charles Brock, Gulfport; Rev. Millard Bennett, Drew; Rev. Bob Maddox, Pelahatchie; Ethan Moore, Hattiesburg.

**Constitution and Bylaws** — Rev. James Smith, Mendenhall, chairman; Rev. Ray Grissett, Wiggins; Rev. Martin Smith, Carrollton; Rev. Harry Couch, Kilmichael; Paul Moak, Jackson.

**Nominations** — Rev. Estus Mason, Crystal Springs, chairman; Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg; Rev. Kermit McGregor, Winona; C. W. Sullivan, Jackson; Rev. Justice Garrett, Biloxi.

**Order of Business** — Three years, Rev. Charles Gentry, Clinton; Rev. Clyde Little, Holly Springs. Two years, Rev. James Richardson, Leland; Rev. Malcolm Jones, Houston. One year, Dr. Donald Roark, Yazoo City; Rev. C. B. Hamlet III, Hattiesburg.

**Time, Place and Preacher** — Rev. Frank Gunn, Forest, chairman; Rev. S. W. Valentine, Jackson; Rev. Robert Jones, Louisville; Rev. Jackie Hamilton, Quitman; Rev. W. L. Day, Indianola.

**Baptist Record Advisory** — Three years, Rev. Kelly Dampeer, Brookhaven; Rev. Paul Leber, Moss Point; two years, Henry Harris, West Point; Rev. S. B. Mason, Jackson. One year, Norman Gough, Clinton; Rev. Carl Tolbert, Pearl.

## Tennessee Elects Native Of Mississippi As First V-P

Rev. Henry G. West, pastor of First Baptist Church of Covington, Tennessee, was elected First Vice - President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention at the 94th annual session, meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. West, formerly a pastor in Mississippi, is a native of Mississippi, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. West, Sr., of Ecru. His wife is the former Viana Blount of Waynesboro, Ga. They have three children, Becky, 19, a sophomore at Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee; Billy, 18, a freshman at Yale University, New

Haven, Connecticut; Joe, 14, a freshman at Byars Hall High School in Covington, Tennessee.

Mr. West has been pastor of the Covington Church since 1961. During this time a beautiful new \$400,000.00 sanctuary has been built and paid for, after the original sanctuary was destroyed by fire in January of 1961.

During this time also he has been president of the Southern Baptist Seminary Tennessee Alumni, President of the West Tennessee Pastor's Conference, Secretary and Treasurer of the Tennessee Pastor's Conference, Moderator of Big Hatchie Associ-

## Clarke Alumni Elect Officers

Rev. Wendell Gilmore, pastor of Highland Church, Jackson, was elected president of the Clarke College Alumni Association at its Fellowship Dinner at Calvary Church, Jackson, November 12. Dr. James E. Booth, physician and surgeon of Eupora, was elected vice - president. Dr. Booth is also a member of the Clarke Board of Trustees. Miss Mary Margaret Sullivan, admissions counselor on the college staff, was elected secretary.

Alumni President Rev. Don Wainwright, presided at the Fellowship Dinner.

Wayne Carter, student chairman of Clarke Youth Teams, told of the activities of these groups. He reported that a number of associations had observed "Clarke College Sunday."

Dr. Compere spoke of the death of Rev. James Richardson of Poplarville, who had been for many years a loyal supporter of Clarke College and a regular attendant at the Alumni Dinner.

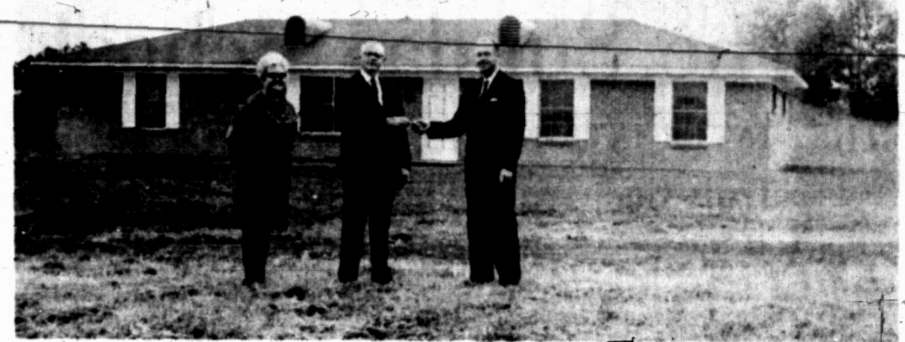
Appropriate tribute was paid to W. A. Taylor, Sr., who was serving on Clarke's Board of Trustees at the time of his death in May, 1968. Dr. Compere presented to Mrs. Price Paschal, daughter of the late Mr. Taylor, a framed copy of resolutions passed by the Board of Trustees.

Two male quartets, composed of Clarke College Alumni, furnished special music. The evening's program was climaxed by President W. L. Compere's message.

The program closed with J. B. McElroy's leading the assembly in singing the Alma Mater, entitled "Sing to Clarke," words and music for which were written by John S. Compere, son of President and Mrs. Compere.

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Pocahontas Pastor Gets Keys To Pastorium  
 Rev. and Mrs. Curtis James received the keys to the pastorium of Pocahontas Church in Hinds County from Joe Alden Rees, chairman of the Building Committee. Mr. James, long time pastor of First Church, Vardaman, accepted the Pocahontas call on November 1 and is serving as the first full-time, resident pastor at Pocahontas.

## Did You Change Coats With John At Convention?

Rev. John G. Brock, pastor of Oakland Heights Church, Meridian, found when he returned home from the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson week before last that he had the wrong overcoat. It fits fairly well, he says, but its way too short!

On Tuesday night of the Convention, he left his own overcoat with his hat in the vestibule of First Baptist Church. It was a black overcoat, large, with a Kennington's label. Later, he picked up the one by his hat, assuming it to be his.

The party with whom he exchanged probably wants his own coat back. He may contact Mr. Brock at Oakland Heights Baptist Church, 5718 Fifth Street, Meridian, Miss. (Phone: Office 482-1626; Residence: 482-3843).

## Crusade Biggest SBC Evangelistic Thrust

By L. Gordon Sansing  
 Director of Evangelism

The Crusade of the Americas is perhaps the most far-reaching evangelistic thrust ever launched by Southern Baptists. Southern Baptist involvement was in response to an appeal from Dr. Ruben Lopes, Brazilian Baptist leader, in whose mind and heart the Crusade was born.

The Crusade of the Americas is not just another simultaneous revival crusade. It is a movement, not an event. Already we are in the Crusade. Our prayer is that the revivals in March and April of 1969 will be the climax of this ambitious evangelistic thrust.

The emphasis this year (1968) is "Work and Witness." The 1969 emphasis is "Proclamation," and in 1970 it is "Follow-Through."

This is a call to earnest prayer as we prepare for what could be the greatest outpouring of God's power in this generation. Revival has never broken out spontaneously and unexpectedly among idle and lazy people. A price must be paid in terms of human preparation, labor and sacrifice before God pours out a great revival.

PACT is an international prayer agreement whereby prayer partners will be linked in the interest of the Crusade of the Americas. This is programmed by W.M.U. Detailed plans for PACT have been introduced through W. M. U. magazines and other denominational publications. A flyer is available which will include a blank to be completed and sent to Women's Missionary Union headquarters in Birmingham. There prayer partners will be assigned. Many individuals and churches already have prayer partners.

Let every pastor and every church begin to pay the price in long - range planning and preparation for a great revival in 1969. We are in the Crusade now! This must be more than just another revival effort if we are going to move this hemisphere for God. concern and compassion for people. Do we really believe that man is lost without Jesus Christ? Do we believe that "Christ is the only hope?" Do we believe that a lost person must have a genuine personal experience of grace in Jesus Christ in order to be saved? Christ died for a lost world. He died for individuals who make up this lost world. We need to concentrate as never before on personally winning

individuals to Jesus Christ and to church membership.

**What Is Crusade of the Americas?**  
 It is Christian concern.  
 It is, I believe, a mandate from God.  
 It is a challenge.  
 It is exciting.  
 It is hope.  
 It is another battle on the way to victory.

It involves every organization and activity - Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., Brotherhood, Music, Recreation, Socials, etc.—of our churches in an All-out effort in Evangelistic effort and in a spirit of optimism and expectancy.

Will you join in earnest prayer?  
 Will you make yourself available for God's use as the Holy Spirit leads?

## REVIVAL RESULTS

First, Olive Branch: Stal-necker - Tyson, evangelistic team in charge; people from all faiths worship there during the week of services; fourteen churches representing six denominations received people for public commitment; the host church received 17 members, 10 for baptism; Rev. Vance Marberry, pastor.



Rev. W. E. Grubbs  
**OREGON-WASHINGTON ELECT GRUBBS**

William Eugene Grubbs, former evangelism secretary for California Southern Baptists, has been elected new executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon - Washington. He was formerly pastor at First Church, Charleston, Miss.

## Nonresident Church Member Enlistment Numbers 18,506

NASHVILLE — Names of 18,506 nonresident Southern Baptist church members have been recorded through the nonresident church member enlistment plan, according to D. Lewis White, general administration consultant, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, here.

Through the plan, sponsored jointly by the board's Sunday School department and the division of evangelism, Home Mission Board, names have been registered from 1768 churches throughout the convention, since 1964, when the plan began.

Recorded names are forwarded to state convention offices for distribution to local churches and the names and confirmed addresses are received from churches which have nonresident members, according to White, who is in charge of the nonresident exchange desk.

During the past four years he has been a member of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and last year served as Recording Secretary. He also serves as a member of the administrative committee of the Executive Board, a member of the Baptist and Reflector Liaison Committee, member of the Denominational Cooperation Committee, member of the Resolutions Committee.

the parents of four children: Mrs. Ralph Brewer, Jackson, Miss.; Mrs. Carl Davis, Dover, Fla.; Mrs. Robert Raulerson, Dover, Fla.; and John R. Dorrough, a Junior at Campbellsville Baptist College, Campbellsville, Ky.



Mr. Dorrough pastored the Hebron Church from 1951-1954 while a student in New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La. He is now pastor of Parkway Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, having gone there in February, 1965, to begin a new work in the downtown area of Indianapolis. The church started as a mission with 19 members; it now has 160 church members with an enrollment of 221 in Sunday school.

Parkway Baptist Church, Indianapolis, is now sponsoring a mission with the help of the Home Mission Board and the First Baptist Church of Yazoo City, Mississippi.



Rev. & Mrs. Dorrough are

**Briarwood, Jackson, Breaks Ground**  
 The Briarwood Drive Church, of North Jackson, had their groundbreaking service Sunday, November 17, for a new educational unit. Those pictured above are: S. E. Davis, Mechanical and Plumbing contractor; Harold Brumfield, architect; Sam Posey, chairman of the Building Committee; Rev. Louis Smith, pastor; Mrs. Meg Davis, oldest member; Eddie Weaver, youngest member. The new unit will contain 14,500 square feet of space, that includes Sunday school rooms, offices, a choir room, and an auditorium that will seat approximately 400 persons. This is the third of a four-unit plan. Sometime in the future the main auditorium will be erected completing the plan.



# The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON- LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM-  
Truly God, Truly Man

By Clifton J. Allen  
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A central stream of truth running through the letters of John relates to the doctrine of Christ. Strong emphasis is placed on both his humanity and his deity. He was truly God and truly man. This teaching was designed to refute a part of the heresy in gnosticism that, if Jesus were truly God, he could not be truly human. Our lesson affirms the historic fact that Jesus, the Son of God, came in the flesh. John declared in the opening verses of the first letter that he heard, saw, and touched Jesus in the flesh.

The Lesson Explained  
Testing The Spirits  
1 John 4:1-6

John's "beloved" suggests an intimate and earnest appeal. He warns against false spirits or rivals of the Holy

Spirit. These are inner voices stimulated by false prophets or false teachers spreading error and falsehood. Christians must test every such spirit or voice or idea by whether it comes from God. Many false teachers spread false doctrine. The voice of the Spirit of God is clearly recognized by his prompting faith in the historic Christ. If we do not believe in the divine-human Jesus—truly God, truly man—we believe in a false christ and we are listening to a false spirit. This is really the spirit of anti-christ; the spirit of one opposed to Jesus Christ, denying that he came as a man, denying that God became incarnate in flesh.

John could commend many Christians for having overcome false spirits because they were indwelt by the Holy Spirit and were made strong to overcome the evil spirits in the world. The way to test the spirits, the multiple voices clamoring for attention and acceptance, is to test them by

By Bill Duncan  
Acts 15:1-35

The preaching of the gospel to the Gentiles and the influx of the Gentiles into the church produced a problem for all the people. The Jews had founded their faith on the idea that they were a chosen people. Paul was a strong leader and in order to overcome him the Judaizers had tried to follow him and confuse the people. The prejudice of the Jews was that the Gentile must become a Jew before he became a Christian. This would intend that the Gentile be circumcised and take the law of Moses upon themselves. In order to solve this great problem a council of Jerusalem was called and its decision became the charter of freedom for the Gentiles.

Problem Considered  
An appeal was made to Jerusalem, to the headquarters of the church where most of the apostles worked. This problem had disturbed the church at Antioch greatly. Paul and Barnabas argued that the Gentile had accepted Christ as Saviour and great numbers had turned to Him. It seemed that certain Pharisees who had become Christians were those who were the ones arguing for the observance of the law. The whole experience was in the spirit of conference and advice. However, evidently disorder so prevailed that a private meeting was called (referred to in Galatians 2:1-10.)

Peter spoke in the open meeting reminding the group how God had used him in reaching the Gentiles. The reception of Cornelius into the church had taken place some ten years before. The proof that he had acted right was that God had granted His Holy Spirit to these very Gentiles who had been received. The Holy Spirit had cleansed their hearts not ceremony. Peter touched the heart of the matter by stunning the people with the statement—the acceptance of the free gift of the grace of God in an act of self-surrendering and humble faith saves.

the truth of God in Christ, by what they say about his actual incarnation, his sinless life, his being the atonement for sin, and his resurrection from the dead.  
Alert To Deceivers  
2 John 7-9

The situation described by John here is similar to that in his first letter. He urges the Christians to be alert to the fact that many deceivers—doubtless some who had been false confessors of Christ and others who had never been identified with Christ—were abroad in the world denying the reality and meaning of the incarnation. They were saying that Christ, if he were God, could not have come in the flesh. Such deceivers were representative of the deceiver hand the antichrist. The dangerous heresy here involved related to the incarnation, not the return of Christ. John urges his readers not to lose, by indifference or ignorance or unbelief, what they had achieved in the Christian life, but by continuing steadfastness to win a full reward. Some of the Gnostics claimed to believe in Christ, but they were actually transgressing the teaching of Christ, and so they really had no touch with Christ. Whoever remains true to the teaching of Christ has "both the Father and the Son." The one way to know God is through Christ.

Abiding in Christ

John speaks about abiding in the doctrine of Christ. The concept of "abiding in" is a repeated emphasis in the letters of John. The writer speaks of abiding in God, abiding in truth, abiding in Christ, and abiding in love. The crux of the matter is a true understanding about Christ, a true commitment to him, and a continuing fidelity to him. Abiding in the doctrine, of course, requires grasping something of its meaning, but it calls also for a conviction about its certainty and showing loyalty to it by practice.

Barnabas and Paul submitted the recent evidence to affirm the position of Peter. The experience of Cornelius had been repeated wherever the gospel was preached to the Gentiles.

Leadership Extended  
The question hung in the balance until James spoke and then there was an answer. James was the leader of the church at Jerusalem. His leadership was not that beyond the position of pastor. It was a moral leadership that conceded to him this place of leadership. He was the half brother of Jesus. He had a special resurrection appearance of Jesus all to himself. He was also a rigorous observer of the Law. If James spoke for the Gentile then all would be well. This he did.

James based his position on a quotation from Amos 9:11-12 that the Jews and Gentile are to be made one new humanity in Christ, and that this has been the purpose of God through the ages. James took a firm and clear stand about salvation. Circumcision was not required, and they should no longer be hindered by it.

However, in order to keep fellowship between the Jews and Gentiles, James advised that Gentiles respect certain Jewish customs and standards. They must abstain from the contamination of the idols. The Christians were asked not to eat meat that had been offered to idols. Of course many thought this was the only place to get meat, but Paul would certainly not consider it undue compromise to ask Gentile believers to respect Kasher laws. They must abstain from fornication. The Christian must be pure in an impure world.

Letter Sent Out  
Once the church had come to the decision, they acted upon it together. James did not make the decision but the church did. This does not mean that each individual was in agreement with it for some Judaizers were at work for some years after this.

The church acted with courtesy. The terms of the decision were embodied in a letter and sent to the areas where there was trouble—Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. The church also sent two of its leading members—Judas and Silas—to convey additional assurance of good will. The letter and messengers brought peace into the communities. The church took the wisest means of putting that decision into effect.

It is good for us to realize how they went about solving this problem. Many people do not follow such Christian principals. This could have saved the whole Christian cause. God wants all of us to be certain to remember that we are one. The problem of salvation and fellowship are inseparable.

## Oglesbee Moves To Florida

Rev. O. Oglesbee has resigned Trinity Church, Biloxi, and has accepted the Oakcrest Church of Pensacola, Fla. He served First Church of Valparaiso, Fla. for 5½ years before coming to Trinity where he served for 8½ years. His new address is 1 Emerald Ave., Pensacola, Fla., 32505.

## Carey Appoints Three Trustees

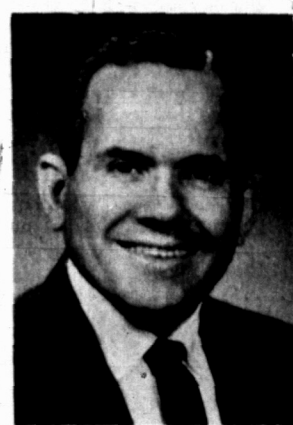
William Carey College announced today the appointment of two local men and one McComb pastor to membership on the William Carey College Board of Trustees. Action was taken on this matter at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson.

Coming to the Carey Board for the very first time is Wiley Fairchild, Hattiesburg businessman, affiliated with the W. R. Fairchild Construction Company.

Dr. Earl Green was reappointed to the Board after a year's absence. He has served effectively on the William Carey College Board in the past.

Also reappointed after a year's absence to the Carey Board is Rev. Johnny Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church, McComb.

## Cecil McGee To Serve Many Roles At Youth Convention Dec. 30-31



Versatile Cecil McGee, Drama Consultant of the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will be serving several roles during his visit to Jackson, December 30-31, for the Youth Convention.

Those who are present during the convention's sessions which will be held at First Baptist Church, will hear him in a message on church recreation as a vocational opportunity. They will also follow his leadership in three planned recreational interludes during the program which will be conducted primarily in the church's auditorium.

In addition to his stated program appearances, he will be assisting in preparing five church groups for dramatic performances during the convention and serve as drama consultant to Dan Hall who will be directing the presentation of "Good News" during the Watch Night Service which concludes the year and the convention.

## Sunday School

### Sunday School Achievement Guides Receive Enthusiastic Reception

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First, Booneville  
Mrs. Glen Goodwin



### "Appreciation Shower" At Glenfield

Glenfield Church, New Albany, honored their pastor and his wife with an appreciation shower on the final evening of the fall revival, October 26. Rev. Walter Gurley, with his wife, Cecelia, and children, Doug, Rhonda, Tom, and Celine (shown) moved to Glenfield in mid-September. Mr. Gurley resigned from Beulah Church, Magee, to move to Glenfield. His other former pastorates includes churches in Tate, Hinds, and Simpson Counties.

## Derward Deere, Golden Gate Professor Dies

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Derward W. Deere, professor of Old Testament interpretation at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here for 18 years, died Nov. 11 of a coronary attack at his home in San Rafael, Calif.

The 54-year-old professor had been recovering from a heart attack which hit him on Sept. 26.

Funeral services were scheduled at Broadus Chapel on the seminary's campus at Strawberry Point near San Francisco on Nov. 13.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Reba Veryl Council Deere of San Rafael, Calif., and by his mother, Mrs. Francis Deere of Rolla, Ark., three brothers and two sisters.

Burial was to be in Malvern, Ark.

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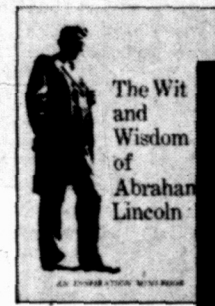
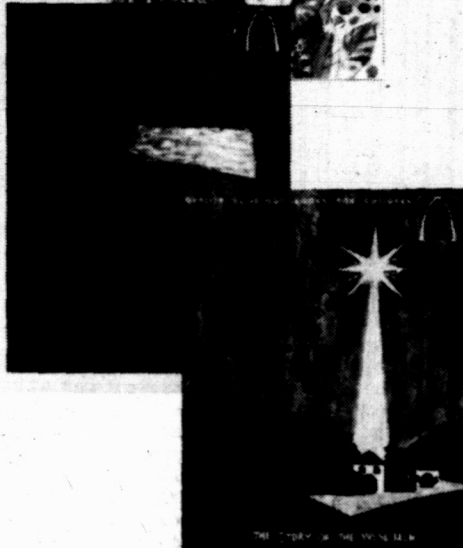
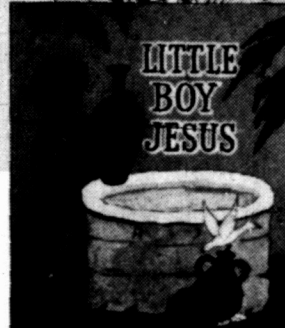
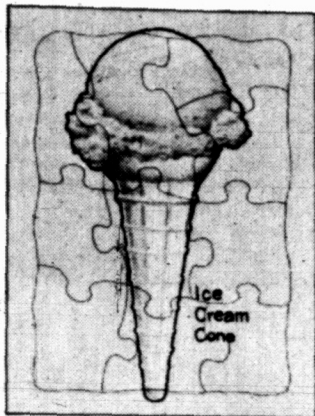
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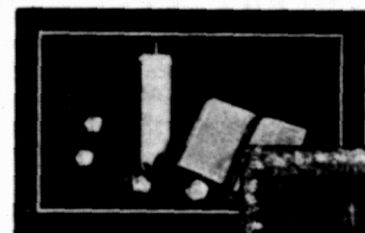
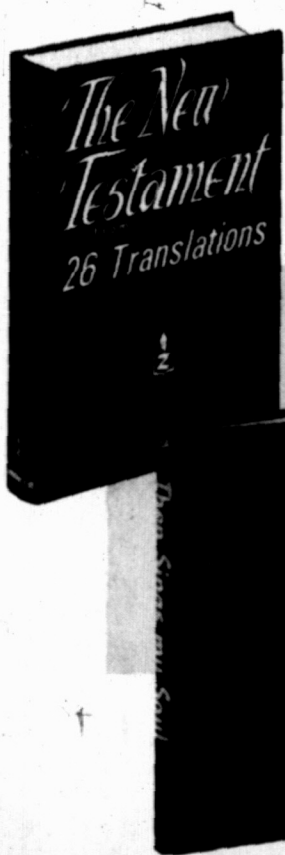
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By Allen F. Harrod, Pastor, First, Shelby

Everyone, I think at sometime in his life, dreams of doing something good for some famous person whom he admires. He envisions himself rendering some special service and receiving the applause and praise of the noted recipient.

Such an idea is not actually far from reality. Each of us has in his possession a supreme gift that every thoughtful man desires — yet it cost no money. It is so valuable that kings and men in authority seek it. Money cannot buy it. And when given, it then becomes even more a part of the giver. In fact, it can be given thousands of times and never missed. It does not matter whether one is rich or poor, black or white, a king or a commoner, known or unknown, important or relatively unimportant. Here is a gift that every interested Christian can give to his newly elected President.

What is this gift so prized? The gift of a Christian to a president is that which the Bible admonishes us to give in I Timothy 2:1-4: "First of all I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be offered for all men; for sovereigns and all in high office, that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in full observance of religion and high standards of morality. Such prayer is right, and approved of God our Saviour, whose will it is that all men should find salvation and come to know the truth." (N.E.V.)

Here then is our present for the newly elected president. We can offer to him the prized gift of prayer. At such an hour, what could be a better business for the modern Christian? To what more worthy labor could we give ourselves? What could be more important? Peace, according to this word, is not the reward of praying for it, but rather comes as a by-product of intercession on behalf of men. If we want peace we must be willing to pray for those whom God can use to bring about peace. I am fully aware that there can never be a lasting and permanent peace apart from a living relationship with the Prince of Peace; nevertheless, we are instructed to pray for those in high office. God can use such a man as an instrument of peace, godliness, and honesty. Let us as Christians pray that it might be so.

I have a present for the president and I am going to give it. He may never be aware that it comes from me. That is not important. What is important is that he be aware of prayer's Object and be willing to be led by Him.

JERRY BEAVAN ASSISTS HAGGAI EVANGELISTIC TEAM

ATLANTA (EP) — The John Haggai Evangelistic Association here has engaged the services of Dr. Jerry Beavan as consultant and advisor for its global ministries.

Beavan, for 13 years director of crusade planning and organization for Evangelist Billy Graham, served as vice president of the Rexall Drug Company until October, 1967 when he formed his own Consultant and Advisory Organization.

Located in Hollywood, Calif., Beavan continues to expand his services, now to include the responsibility of assessing the invitations now before the Haggai team for overseas efforts.

Dr. Beavan has completed two round-the-world trips this year, in addition to visiting Europe and the Middle East.—11/2/68

16 Students Enrol Budapest Seminary

Four new students are among the 16 enrolled in the Baptist seminary in Budapest, Hungary, according to a report via Ecumenical Press Service. In 1967, the number of students was 14.—(EBPS)



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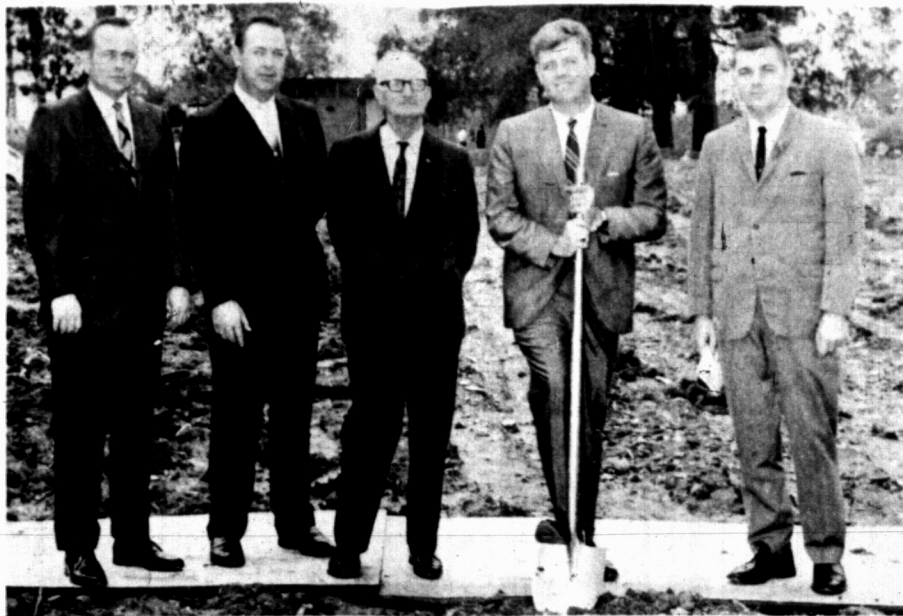
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East McComb To Construct Education Building

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Nov. 17, for a new \$270,000 educational building at East McComb Church, McComb. The two-story complex will be connected by covered walkways to the spacious sanctuary built in 1957. Together with a choir room annex, the new construction will provide about 20,000 square feet of floor space and accommodate 485 in Sunday school. The original church building (1901), together with two other buildings—one known as "Gill Tabernacle", was removed to make way for the new building. Watkins and Reed of McComb are architects, and C. E. Jackson Construction Co. of McComb is contractor. Construction is expected to be complete by September, 1969. Building committee above, left to right, Alvin Newell, Tommy Kornegay, H. C. White, Larry Clark, chairman, Rev. Jimmy G. McGee, pastor, and, not pictured, John Brooks.

Southwestern Makes Plans For Christmas Opera

Fort Worth, Tex. — Five performances are being planned this year of Menotti's Christmas opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," presented each December by the School of Church Music of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Truett Auditorium.

In addition to two evening performances on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5 and 6, the school will present the opera at chapel on Friday, Dec. 6 and twice on Saturday, Dec. 7, special for area school children. The Saturday performances are tentatively scheduled for 9:30 and 11:00 a. m.

The date also has been set for the school's 49th consecutive presentation of Handel's "Messiah," to be given this year on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7:00 p. m. in the auditorium of Travis Avenue Baptist Church.



**REV. DAVID PERRY**, a 25-year-old third-year Master of Theology student in New Orleans Seminary, was re-elected this fall to serve a second term as moderator of Green County Baptist Association. He is pastor of the Unity Church. Mr. Perry graduated from Meadville High School, Clarke College, and William Carey College. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Carter of Roxie are his guardians.

Israel 'A Must' For Southern Baptists

JERUSALEM — A call for all Baptists in the world to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land was issued by Dr. W. A. Criswell, of Dallas, Texas, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, at the conclusion of his tour here.

A visit to the Holy Land "is an experience that should not be denied to any Christian," he said. "All other places on earth put together are not as interesting as Israel."

Accompanying to Dr. Criswell on his pilgrimage to the places associated with the life of Jesus was Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Till, of Dallas. Dr. Criswell's trip was sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism and El Al.

November 3, 1903—Panama declared itself independent of Columbia.

November 6, 1893—Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky, Russian composer, died.

Ratliff Resigns In Leake County

Rev. Virgil Ratliff has resigned as superintendent of missions for Leake County, after ten years in that position.

A resolution of appreciation for his service was adopted by the Leake Association in annual meeting, and the association presented him with a gift of \$500 cash.

The resolution had been previously drawn up by the Mount Carmel Church of Edinburg, Rev. W. W. Clark, pastor, and adopted by its members.

It is a commendation of Mr. Ratliff, who has dedicated "all these ten years to his profession, his county, and the many Baptist churches of Leake County, and to his God."

"Members of Mount Carmel have loved and admired Rev. Ratliff these many years, and have gained so much from association with him, and have been inspired by his enthusiasm and leadership, by his sound, practical judgment, and his thoughtfulness in his dealings with friends and neighbors.

"We express to him and to Mrs. Ratliff our profound thanks and appreciation for their endeavors and the examples as set forth by him through his many years of service to Leake County and to its people and to its churches; and we express our gratitude for his untiring efforts which inspired us to render greater service in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Rev. and Mrs. Ratliff have brought a home in Carthage at 508 Dorrill St., (phone 267-7724), and hope to be living there, doing supply preaching, going on doing wherever and whatever the Lord leads."

Nine Graduate In Guatemala

The Guatemalan Baptist Theological Institute, Guatemala City, graduated nine students on October 28. This is the largest graduating class since the school's founding in 1947, according to Dr. A. Clark Scanlon.



Rev. A. A. Ward

Leake Calls New Missionary

Rev. A. A. Ward has accepted the position as superintendent of missions for Leake County. He will live at Edinburg.

On November 1, Mr. Ward completed 36½ years as pastor. Other than pastorates at Centerville and Port Gibson, most of his work has been in Leake County. He is now closing a pastorate of twelve years with the Rocky Point Church, Leake County.

A graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, he has done further study at Southwestern Seminary. For one year, he was superintendent of missions, on a half-time basis, when Leake first began the program.

He has served as moderator of the association, as Convention Board member, and as vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Revival Dates

Senior Citizen Revival:

Shady Grove Church, Hazlehurst: November 29, 30, December 1; Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Clinton, evangelist; Frank Walker, Poplar Springs Church, Hazlehurst, song leader; Miss Ethel Allen, First Church, Hazlehurst, pianist. (Saturday night will be "Old Fashioned Night" with the environment being as in the "Olden Days.") A museum will be open in the Fellowship Hall following the Saturday night services with the old articles displayed.) Services at 7 p. m. each night and the regular 11 a. m. service on Sunday morning, followed by dinner at the church. The public is invited. Rev. H. Glen Schilling, pastor.

Names In The News

Mrs. Charles Whitten, missionary on furlough from Spain, spoke during the 11 a. m. worship service at the Temple Church, Jackson, November 24. Rev. Howard Scarborough is pastor.

Donald Hyman, of Conway and Myrtle Beach, S. C., and Denver Woodring, of Cecilia, Ky., and Omaha, Neb., have been ordained deacons of English-speaking Immanuel Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain. They are airmen stationed at nearby Torrejon Air Force Base.

Rev. John R. Oswalt began as pastor of New Prospect Church, Hartford, Alabama, November 17. Mr. Oswalt was pastor of Crossroads Church, Mathiston, Mississippi, for 30 months before moving to Graceville, Fla., to enrol at Baptist Bible Institute in August 1968. He has been interim pastor of Live Oak Baptist Church, Vernon, Florida, for two months.

Rev. Paul Hunter of Fair River Church, Brookhaven, has accepted a call from First Church, Tutwiler, and was to move onto the new field November 25. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary.

Rev. Curtis A. Burge has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Waynesville, N. C., to accept the pastorate of the Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany, Ga. Burge is a native of Gulfport, and Mrs. Burge is from Columbia. Before going to North Carolina, three and one-half years ago, they were serving the First Baptist Church at Union.

Dr. K. Owen White has retired from his position as the first Metropolitan Missions Coordinator in the greater Los Angeles area, where he has served for the past three years. While in California, he and Mrs. White have been members of the First Southern Baptist Church, Pasadena, Rev. Truman Scaggs, pastor. Dr. White has been in the pastorate for 42 years. He was formerly pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, and is a past president of

the Southern Baptist Convention. In retirement, he and his wife will be living at 1167 North Catalina, Tucson, Arizona 85716 (phone 602-793-1222.) He will be available for revival meetings, Bible conferences, etc.

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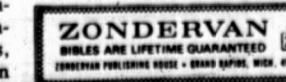


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